ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 12th, 2025 | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessed Sunday to you all! In the Scriptures, when God performs some kind of miracle or great sign it is not just him showing off his power (he doesn't need to prove his omnipotence), but he is using his power to reveal something to us. Commenting on the miraculous healing of Naaman, which we hear about in the first reading from 2 Kings, Peter Kreeft says, "Miracles are always displays of truth, first of all, not power." God uses his power to point to realities that are otherwise hidden or mysterious.

Jesus came to show us that he is our Redeemer and Savior by all his words of teaching, all his miraculous signs, and ultimately through his suffering, death, resurrection. This self-revelation is a central part of His work and mission. If Jesus' main goal was to demonstrate his power for its own sake, he could have come at the head of the angel armies. Also, if his goal was to simply end all human suffering he could have done that by his power. But instead he uses his power as a tool to reveal himself to people and invite them to live in relationship with him through faith and love. This invitation is not coercive, as evidenced by only one out of ten realizing the fullness of the gift offered through healing, but rather a free invitation to life in relationship with God. In this Gospel ten lepers are cleansed of their disease, but only one receives the gift of salvation.

As we are carrying on Christ's mission in the Church today as missionary disciples, we can learn from and imitate his methodology. What is most important in the mission of the Church is not what we have the power to do. It is wonderful that we are able to support the poor in the city through the food pantry, but even if we were able to give out a million dollars worth of food it would not necessarily mean we are succeeding in carrying on Jesus' mission. Even the use of spiritual gifts such as words of knowledge or miraculous healings, by which the Holy Spirit's power is at work in and through us, does not guarantee that we are pointing to the truth. In everything we do, if we are living as missionary disciples of Jesus, we should be pointing to the ultimate truth, that God loves and cares for each person and desires to be a part of their life. We always should seek to use everything in our power, whether material or spiritual, to point to salvation and eternal glory which are received through faith in Christ Jesus.

Blessings,

Fr. Jack

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	8:30 AM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

STEWARDSHIP *for*
SAINTS & SCHOLARS

The Stewardship for Saints and Scholars Campaign is now underway!
Many thanks to the volunteers who are working diligently to help us reach our goal. Over the coming weeks, we will provide updates on our parish's progress.

In the weeks ahead, volunteers will be reaching out individually to some members of our parish. I ask that you please keep the following in mind:

The volunteers contacting families are exactly that—volunteers. They have graciously agreed to share their time and talents for the greater good of this effort. They serve in this role because they believe in this diocesan-wide initiative and care deeply about our parish. Please treat them with kindness and gratitude for helping the Church in this important way.
I have asked each of our campaign volunteers to personally connect with members of our parish family. If you receive a call, I kindly ask that you:

- **Take the call or return the message.** Please do not avoid speaking with our volunteers. Avoiding their calls makes their role more difficult and may result in multiple follow-up attempts.
- **Discuss the campaign with them.** Please offer our volunteers about 15 minutes of your time. They are not trying to pressure anyone; they simply want to share information about the campaign, answer your questions, and receive your decision regarding participation.

Your Gift Matters!
The letter you received includes a financial request—it is not an expectation, but an invitation. I invite you to pray for this campaign and for our diocese. You may not be able to give what is requested, or you may be able to give more. Whatever your decision, please know that your commitment is deeply appreciated and is a true blessing to this effort.

Thank you for your cooperation, your prayerful consideration, and your support of the saints and scholars throughout the Diocese of Lansing!

In Christ,
Fr. Dan

Learn more & give at stewardshipforsaintsandscholars.com

SJ Beat

THIS WEEK

WORSHIP NIGHT

FRIDAY, October 17th
6:30pm
in the Sanctuary

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING COMMUNITY LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

WOMENS BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, October 25th
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

HOLY BREWS

WEDNESDAY, November 5th
7pm
at the Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100
Ypsilanti, MI

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

PARISH GROUNDS CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

Calling all parishioners! Lend a helping hand at our annual grounds cleanup as we work together to put our parish gardens to bed for the winter.

Men of the parish are especially encouraged to stay after the Men's Breakfast for a time of service and fellowship. Please bring pruners, loppers, rakes, and leaf blowers if you have them.

For questions, contact Doug Dick at gardenerdoug@yahoo.com

PRAYERS AND CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish is hosting The Rescue Project—a seven-week experience of the Gospel through food, conversation, and prayer—on Tuesdays, 6:00–8:30 p.m.

Please pray that hearts are opened and consider helping with childcare so parents can fully participate.

To volunteer, email rescueproject@ypsicatholic.org.

CAMPUS MINISTRY IS THRIVING AT EMU!

What a week it's been! Our campus ministry family has been on the move, and the Lord is showing up in powerful ways. This week we went to EMU's campus for outreach, and it was amazing to see God at work right in the heart of EMU. We had the privilege of meeting new students, striking up conversations, and best of all praying with people right where they were. There's something so powerful about pausing in the middle of a busy campus day and inviting Jesus into the moment. Beyond outreach, our campus ministry room has been buzzing with life. A group of students has been gathering there regularly for study hall, and it's quickly becoming one of the coziest corners on campus. It's more than just a study spot, it's a space where students are reminded that they belong and are surrounded by community as they navigate college life.

The highlight of the week? Disciples Night at EMU! These nights are always something special, and this week was no different. Students came together for a night packed with games, plenty of fellowship, praise and heartfelt conversations in small groups. Our Campus Ministry Coordinator, Emily Hall, gave a powerful talk on shifting from a performance-based mindset to a gospel mindset. It was a message that hit home for so many students, reminding us that we are sons and daughters who live from God's love, not for it.

God is building something incredible here. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we step boldly into all He has in store for our community!

GET CONNECTED!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE

EMAIL
@sjbcampusministry

INSTAGRAM
cm@ypsicatholic.org

"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

October 13th.....Salvation, Justification, Merit & the Paschal Mystery

October 20th.....Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation

October 27th.....Sacraments: Eucharist, the Source and Summit of Christian Life

November 3rd.....Sacraments: Eucharist, Part

November 10th.....Sacraments: Penance

MONDAYS AT 6:30
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SCAN TO SEE THE FULL SCHEDULE...

SERVANTS OF GOD'S LOVE HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Do your Christmas shopping and support the ministries of the Servants of God's Love! Enjoy handmade crafts, jewelry, baked goods, and our famous hot sticky buns. *Frozen sticky buns are available by pre-order only at bit.ly/SGL-2025 through Monday, October 27.*

We accept cash, checks, and credit cards. Bring your friends and join us for a joyful day of community, faith, and holiday shopping.

SATURDAY, NOV. 8, 9:30AM-2:30PM
CHRIST THE KING - PARISH CENTER GYM

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FALL YARD CLEANUPS FOR SENIORS

Spend a few hours on an autumn Saturday raking and sprucing up the yards of Catholic Charites of Washtenaw's senior clients in the SJB neighborhood. All ages are welcome, but minors need to be supervised by a responsible adult. Scan the QR code to register or email volunteer@ccwcwashtenaw.org.

OCTOBER 25TH AND
NOVEMBER 8TH
10AM - 1PM

WASHTENAW AREA RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

Join the Washtenaw Area Right to Life for their annual Benefit Dinner to raise funds for the Pro-Life movement within the area. The evening will include food, fellowship, a silent auction, and a talk given by guest speaker Dr. Phil Fleming. Reservations begin at $45. Scan the QR code for more info.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
6 PM - CASH BAR & SILENT AUCTION
7 PM - DINNER AND PROGRAM
WASHTENAW GOLF CLUB, YPSI, MI

TALITHA KOUM W/ FAITH FOSDICK

Calling all middle school girls! Be Love Revolution will be hosting speaker Faith Fosdick at their next Talitha Koum. This is an event for 6-8th graders that aims to empower them to live in full freedom and grow in a personal relationship with Jesus.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7-9PM
ST. FRANCIS ASSISI CENTER
ANN ARBOR, MI

SCAN TO
LEARN MORE...

SPIRITUS SANCTUS ANN ARBOR TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for a Night of Fun, Games, Fellowship, and TRIVIA! Proceeds will support the graduating class of 2026 (class trip to Washington D.C. and graduation activities). Tickets are $25 per person or $125 for a table of 6. Learn more and register at **spiritussanctus.org/trivia.**

FRIDA Y, OCTOBER 24, 6:30-9:30PM
SPIRITUS SANCTUS ACADEMY
ANN ARBOR, MI

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR…

Katie (O'Toole) Davis
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky

Please call the office if you would like to add a name to the list of intercessions for healing or for men and women in the armed forces. Names will be removed after four weeks unless we receive a request to continue.

Remember also that our Book of Petitions is located in The Gathering Space. These intercessions are prayed for at every Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
12:15 PM: Intentions of Robert J. Loggie
Requested by Leanna McCully

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
8:00 AM: † Nancy Mckeone
Requested by John Mckeone

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
8:00 AM: Intentions of Herlina Lim
Requested by Rudy Gunawan

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
8:00 AM: Intentions of Betty Onwumere
Requested by Betty Onwumere

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
8:00 AM: For the deceased members of the Minnie Family
Requested by Lois Lapointe

5 PM: Intentions of Dcn. Wayne and Linda Charlton
Requested by Dcn. Wayne

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
9:00 AM: James L. Stimach
Requested by KofC 3230

11 AM: People of the Parish

NEEDED, WANTED, & AVAILABLE

PART-TIME CAREGIVER NEEDED – FLEXIBLE HOURS

The Fuller family (Christ the King, Ann Arbor) seeks a caregiver for their 17-year-old daughter with Down syndrome. Flexible day, evening, or overnight shifts (2–8 hrs). Must be 18+, pass a background check, and complete paid training. Great experience for healthcare students.

Email full.md5@icloud.com with a short bio. 6-month commitment preferred.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

OCTOBER 16TH, 2025

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was born in Burgundy, France, on July 22, 1647. Her father, Claude Alacoque, died when she was eight years old, leaving her family at the mercy of greedy relatives. At a young age, Margaret fell ill with rheumatic fever, which caused her to be bedridden for four years.

During her bedridden years, she developed a strong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Christ made Himself and His presence in the Eucharist known to her, and all she desired was to find happiness and comfort in Him, the Great Physician. During that time, she also made a vow to the Blessed Virgin Mary to consecrate herself to religious life. At the age of 23, on May 25, 1671, she entered the Order of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial and made her final vows a year later, receiving the name Mary.

St. Margaret Mary is remembered for her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, revealed to her through a series of visions she had during prayer. In her initial vision, Jesus said to her, *"Behold the wound in my side, wherein you are to make your abode, now and forever."* In forthcoming visions, He revealed to her, *"My Divine Heart is so inflamed with love for mankind... that it can no longer contain within itself the flames of its burning charity and must spread them abroad by your means."* He told her that the flames symbolized His love for all humanity and the thorns, our sins.

Although her revelations were first met with doubt, her Jesuit confessor, Saint Claude de la Colombière, recognized their authenticity and helped promote the devotion. Through her perseverance, the message of the Sacred Heart spread rapidly throughout France. In 1687, a chapel was erected in Paray-le-Monial in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 17, 1690, St. Margaret Mary succumbed to an illness and joined the Lord. In 1765, Pope Clement XIII officially approved the devotion to the Most Sacred Heart, and in 1856, the feast day was inaugurated. St. Margaret Mary is the patron saint of those suffering from polio, devotees of the Sacred Heart, and those who have lost parents.

Written by Anna Njoku

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
OCTOBER 18TH & OCTOBER 19TH

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
USHERS		
Fred Burdick	Jude Lussier	Fred Hall
Jeff Decker	Brenda Swan	Aimee Uram-Taylor
Roger Michna	Need Volunteer	Alex Uram
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Steve Uram
GREETERS		
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Marcy Muczynski
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Andy Winnie
LECTORS		
Patricia Gillay	Rebecca Lussier	Jack Lynch
Mike Weathers	Van Vandagriff	David Stolarski
SACRISTAN		
ADULT:	ADULT:	ADULT:
Need Volunteer	Maralee Meyer	Melissa Florian
JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
ALTAR SERVERS		
Jordan Wells	Augustine Lussier	Lawrence Okpala
Need Volunteer	Damien Lussier	Stefano Patti
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Jayden Smith

We are always in need of Ushers, Greeters, and Junior Sacristans.

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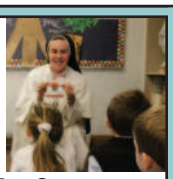
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